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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 8, 2009, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on page 2.

Claims 1 and 21 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 3.